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LB 879; Senator Schrock, LB 962; Senator Johnson, LB 1252. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 361-365.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to General File, 2003 senator priority bills. Mr. Clerk, explain where we are.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 602, a bill originally introduced by Senator Smith and others. (Read title.) Introduced in January of last year, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have Judiciary Committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Smith, you can take about 30 seconds, just...

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. As you know, we're debating LB 602. We so far have put in about four hours of debate, including debate from last session, in addition to yesterday's debate. And the committee amendments are pending. And I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. We now...Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the committee amendments were offered, but subsequent to that, Senator Chambers offered his motion to recommit LB 602 to the Judiciary Committee. That motion is pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now resume debate on the motion by Senator Chambers to recommit LB 602 to committee. Senator Foley, followed by nine other senators.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. President, members. Good morning. Senator Chambers started us out yesterday with a very interesting question. He asked why the committee amendment uses the term "human embryo" rather than the term "unborn child." And it wasn't a trick question. It was actually a very good question, and it deserves, I think, some discussion. And I'll take a crack at that question now. The United States